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ZIEGLER CHEMICAL & MINERAL CORP.

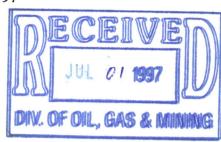
100 JERICHO QUADRANGLE, JERICHO, NEW YORK 11753

TEL: 516-681-9600

FAX: 516-681-9604

June 26, 1997

Mr. Anthony A. Gallegos Senior Reclamation Specialist State of Utah Dept. of Natural Resources Div. of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801



Dear Tony:

Re: Reclamation Surety Update, Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp. ("Ziegler"), Ziegler Gilsonite Operations, M/047/103, Uintah County, Utah

Enclosed please find the completed Surety Bond and Reclamation Contract for the above referenced lease.

Please return the Fleet Letter of Credit and the old bond to my attention at the above address.

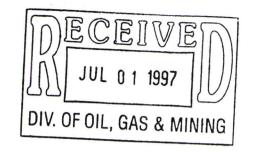
Sincerely yours,

ZIEGLER CHEMICAL & MINERAL CORP.

William J. Hyland

Vice President - Finance

WJH:lz Enc. FORM MR-RC Revised June 10, 1996 RECLAMATION CONTRACT



File Number M/047/013

Effective Date July 15, 1997

STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION of OIL, GAS and MINING

1594 West North Temple Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801 (801) 538-5291 Fax: (801) 359-3940

RECLAMATION CONTRACT

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For the purpose of this RECLAMATION CONTRACT the terms beloware defined as follows:

"NOTICE OF INTENTION" (NOI): (File No.)	M/047/013		
(Mineral Mined)	Gilsonite		
"MINE LOCATION":			
(Name of Mine)	Ziegler Gilsonite Mines		
(Description)	Underground Mines in Uintah County, UT		
"DISTURBED AREA": (Disturbed Acres) (Legal Description)	33.34 acres (refer to Attachment "A")		
"OPERATOR":			
(Company or Name)	Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp.		
(Address)	100 Jericho Quad, Suite 140		
	Jericho, NY 11753		
(Phone)	516-681-9600		

"OPERATOR'S REGISTERED AGENT": McKeachnie & Allred (Name) Gayle F. McKeachnie (Address) 363 East Main Vernal, UT 84078 (Phone) 801-789-4908 Gordon Ziegler, Jr./President "OPERATOR'S OFFICER(S)": William Hyland/VP-Finance Norman Haslem/Manager/Vernal, UT office "SURETY": Reclamation Bond (Surety Bond) (Form of Surety - Attachment B) "SURETY COMPANY": Frontier Insurance Company (Name, Policy or Acct. No.) "SURETY AMOUNT": \$126,600 (Escalated Dollars) "FSCALATION YEAR": 2002 State of Utah "STATE": Division of Oil, Gas and Mining "DIVISION": Board of Oil, Gas and Mining "BOARD": ATTACHMENTS: A "DISTURBED AREA": B "SURETY": This Reclamation Contract (hereinafter referred to as "Contract") is entered _ the "Operator" and into between _ Ziegler Chemical the Utah State Board of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Board"). WHEREAS, Operator desires to conduct mining operations under Notice of Intention (NOI) File No. M/047/013 which has been approved by the Utah

WHEREAS, Operator is obligated to reclaim that area described as the Disturbed Area as set forth and in accordance with Operator's approved Reclamation Plan, and Operator is obligated to provide surety in form and amount approved by the Board, to assure reclamation of the Disturbed Area.

State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining "Division" under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, Sections 40-8-1 et seq., Utah Code Annotated, (1953, as amended) (hereinafter referred to as "Act") and implementing rules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board and the Operator agree as follows:

- 2. Concurrent with the execution hereof, Operator has provided surety to assure that reclamation is conducted, in form and amount acceptable to the Board. Such surety as evidenced by the Surety Contract is in the form of the surety attached hereto as Attachment B and made a part hereof. The Surety Contract shall remain in full force and effect according to its terms unless modified by the Board in writing. If the Surety Contract expressly provides for cancellation, then, within 60 days following the Division's receipt of notice that the Surety Company intends to cancel the Surety Contract, the Operator shall provide a replacement Surety Contract in a form and amount reasonably acceptable to the Board. If the Operator fails to provide an acceptable replacement Surety Contract, the Division may order the Operator to cease further mining activities and to begin immediate reclamation of the Disturbed Area.
- 3. Operator agrees to pay legally determined public liability and property damage claims resulting from mining to the extent provided in Section 40-8-7(1)(e) of the Act.
- 4. Operator agrees to perform all duties and fulfill all reclamation requirements applicable to the mine as required by the Act and implementing rules, the Notice of Intention, as amended and the Reclamation Plan, as amended.
- 5. The Operator's liability under this Contract shall continue in full force and effect until the Division certifies that the Operator has reclaimed the Disturbed Area in accordance with the Act and implementing rules, the Notice of Intention, as amended and the Reclamation Plan, as amended.
- 6. If reclamation of discrete sections of the Disturbed Area is completed to the satisfaction of the Division, and the Division finds that such sections are severable from the remainder of the Disturbed Area, Operator may request the Division to certify that Operator has reclaimed such discrete sections of the Disturbed Area in accordance

with the Act and Implementing rules, the Notice of Intention, as amended and the Reclamation Plan, as amended. If the Division makes such certification, Operator may make request to the (Board) that the aggregate face amount of the Surety Contract provided pursuant to paragraph 2 be reduced to an amount necessary to provide for completion of the remaining reclamation. The (Board) shall hear Operator's request for such reduction in accordance with the Board's Procedural Rules concerning requests for Agency Action.

- 7. Operator agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State, Board and the Division from any claim, demand, liability, cost, charge, suit, or obligation of whatsoever nature arising from the failure of Operator or Operator's agents and employees, or contractors to comply with this Contract.
- 8. Operator may, at any time, submit a request to the Board to substitute surety. The Board, in its sole judgment and discretion, may approve such substitution if the substitute surety meets the requirements of the Act and the implementing rules.
- 9. This Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah.
- 10. If Operator shall default in the performance of its obligations hereunder, Operator agrees to pay all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Division and/or the Board in the enforcement of this Contract.
- 11. Any breach that the Division finds to be material of the provisions of this Contract by Operator may, at the discretion of the Division, result in an order to cease mining operations. After opportunity for notice and hearing, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining may enter an order to revoke the Notice of Intention, order reclamation, or order forfeiture of the Surety Contract, or take such other action as is authorized by law.
- 12. In the event of forfeiture of the Surety Contract, Operator shall be liable for any additional costs in excess of the surety amount which are required to comply with this Contract. Any excess monies resulting from forfeiture of the Surety Contract, upon completion of reclamation and compliance with this Contract, shall be returned to the rightful claimant.
- 13. This Contract including the Notice of Intention, as amended and the Reclamation Plan, as amended, represents the entire agreement of the

parties involved, and any modification must be approved in writing by the parties involved.

14. Each signatory below represents that he/she is authorized to execute this Contract on behalf of the named party.

ZIEGLER CHEMICAL & MINERAL CORP.	
Operator Name	
By: GORDON S. ZIEGLER, JR. Authorized Officer (Typed or Printed) Authorized Officer's Signature Date	6/12/97
SO AGREED this 15th day of Ju	ly , 19 97
AND APPROVED AS TO FORM AND AMOUNT OF	SURETY:
Lawish.	

Dave D. Lauriski, Chairman

Utah State Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

BY _

By James W. Carter, Director	July 15, 1997 Date
STATE OF <u>Utah</u>) so	5:
On the 15th day of July appeared before me James W. Con duly sworn did say that he she, the said is the Director of the Division of Oil, Gas a Resources, State of Utah, and he she duly executed the foregoing document by author Utah.	and Mining, Department of Natural cacknowledged to me that he she
Notary Public DIANE RUBEY 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Box 145801 Selt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801 My Commission Expires May 1, 1998 State of Littah	Notary Public Residing at: Salt Lake City Utah

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My Commission Expires:

OPERATOR: ZIEGLER CHEMICAL & MINERAL CORP.	JUL 07 1997
	DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING
Operator Name	
By GORDON S. ZIEGLER, JR. Corporate Officer - Position PRESIDENT Signature	JUNE 12, 1997 Date
STATE OFNEW YORK)	
) ss:	
COUNTY OF NASSAU	
On the 12TH day of JUNE appeared before me GORDON S. ZIEGLER me duly sworn did say that he/she, the said is the PRESIDENT of 2 and duly acknowledged that said instrument by authority of its bylaws or a resolution of its GORDON S. ZIEGLER, JR. company executed the same.	GORDON S. ZIEGLER, JR. ZIEGLER CHEMICAL & MINERAL CORP was signed on behalf of said company ts board of directors and said
BRIAN LYNCH NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New No. 01LY4613944 Qualified in Nassau Co	Notary Public Po Long Dr Residing at: 40 Long Dr Heugstead M

My Commission Expires:

ATTACHMENT "A"

Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp.		Ziegler Gilsonite Mines		
Operator	Min	ne Name		
_M/047/013 Permit Number		Uintah	County, Utah	
The le	egal description of lands t	to be disturbed is:		
Name	Legal Description		Acres	
Independent 3	T9S, R24E, Sec. 16: SE	1/4 of NE1/4	1.38	
Independent 4	T9S, R24E, Sec. 16: SW	1/4 of NE1/4	1.41	
Independent 5 (ML851A)	T9S, R24E, Sec. 16: NW	1/4 of NE1/4	1.20	
Little Bonanza 3	T9S, R24E, Sec. 16: SW	1/4 of SE1/4	1.14	
Little Bonanza 8	T9S, R24E, Sec. 16: SE	1/4 of SE1/4	1.00	
Little Bonanza 8A	T9S, R24E, Sec 15: SW1,	/4 of SW1/4	1.00	
Little Bonanza 11	T9S, R24E, Sec. 22: NE	1/4 of NW1/4	1.01	
Little Bonanza 12	T9S, R24E, Sec. 22: NE	1/4 of NW1/4	1.51	
Little Emma l	T9S, R24E, Sec. 30: SE	1/4 of SE1/4	1.10	
Cottonwood 1 & 2	T10S, R21E, Sec. 29: N	E1/4 of SE1/4	1.24	
Cottonwood 3	T10S, R21E, Sec. 29: St T10S, R21E, Sec. 30: St		1.50	
Cowboy Federal #1	T8S, R21E, Sec. 33: SW	1/4 of SW1/4 of SE1/	4 3.30	
Z1-95-1	T9S, R24E, Sec. 16: NE.	1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/	4 4.55	
			21.34	
Processing Facilities:				
	T9S, R24E, Sec. 22: NW		3.00	
	T9S, R24E, Sec. 15: SWI T9S, R24E, Sec. 16: SWI	•	5.00 4.00	
		•	12.00	

33.34

Total All

ATTACHMENT B

MR FORM 5
June 10, 1996

Bond Number .		
Permit Number _		
Mine Name _	M/047/013	
\mathbf{Z}_{i}	iegler Gilson	nite Mines

STATE OF UTAH

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

1594 West North Temple Suite 1210 Box 145801

Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801 Telephone: (801) 538-5291

Fax: (8010 359-3940

THE MINED LAND RECLAMATION ACT

SURETY BOND

The undersignedZiegler Chemical & Mineral Corporation	, as Principal,
and Frontier Insurance Company , as Surety, her	eby jointly and
severally bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and ass	igns, jointly
and severally, unto the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division)	in the penal
sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, dollars (\$ 126,600.00).
Six Hundred Dollars	
Principal has estimated in the Mining and Reclamation Plan approved by the	
on the <u>28th</u> day of <u>July</u> , 1988, that <u>33.34</u> acres	s of land will
be disturbed by mining operation in the State of Utah.	

A description of the disturbed land is attached as "Attachment A" to the Reclamation Contract, of which this document is an integral part.

The condition of this obligation is that if the Division determines that Principal has satisfactorily reclaimed the disturbed lands in accordance with the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan and has faithfully performed all requirements of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, and complied with the Rules and Regulations adopted in accordance therewith, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

If the Mining and Reclamation Plan provides for periodic partial reclamation of the disturbed lands, and if the lands are reclaimed in accordance with such Plan, Act and regulations, then Principal may apply for a reduction in the amount of this Surety Bond.

In the converse, if the Mining and Reclamation Plan provides for a gradual increase in the area disturbed or the extent of disturbance, then, the Division may require that the amount of this Surety Bond be increased, with the written approval of the Surety. Page 2 MR-5 (revised June 10, 1996) Attachment B

Bond Number					
Permit Num	ber				
Mine Name	M7047/	013			
		Gilsonite	Mines		

This bond may be canceled by Surety after ninety (90) days following receipt by the Division and Principal of written notice of such cancellation. Surety's liability shall then, at the expiration of said ninety (90) days, cease and terminate except that Surety will remain fully liable for all reclamation obligations of the Principal incurred prior to the date of termination.

Principal and Surety and their successors and assigns agree to guarantee said obligation and to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Division from any and all expenses (including attorney fees) which the Division may sustain in the collection of sums due hereunder.

Surety will give prompt notice to Principal and to the Division of the filing of any petition or the commencement of any proceeding relating to the bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or adjustment of the debts of Surety, or alleging any violation or regulatory requirements which could result in suspension or revocation of the Surety's license to do business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and Surety hereunto set their signatures and seals as of the dates set forth below.

Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp.	June 10, 1997
Principal (Permittee)	Date
Gordon S. Ziegler, Jr.	
By (Name typed):	
President,	
Title Dical Ol	
Signature	
Surety Company: FRONTIER INSURANCE CO	DMPANY
WILLIAM H. HUTTO	JUNE 18, 1997
Company Officer	Date
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT	
Title/Position	-
Maddle	
Signature	

Page 3 MR-5 (revised June 10, 1996) Attachment B Bond Number _____
Permit Number _____
Mine Name __M/047/013 ____
Ziegler Gilsonite Mines

SO AGREED this 15th day of July, 1997.

AND APPROVED AS TO FORM AND AMOUNT OF SURETY:

Dave D. Lauriski, Chairman Utah State Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

*NOTE: Where one signs by virtue of Power of Attorney for a Surety, such Power of Attorney must be filed with this bond. If the Operator is a corporation, the bond shall be executed by its duly authorized officer.

Page 4 MR-5 (revised June 10, 1996) Attachment B Bond Number ____ Permit Number __m/047/013 __ Mine Name _Ziegler Gilsonite Mines

AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION

On the	19TH	day of	MAY	, 19 <u>97</u> , personally appear	ed before me
-	WILLIA	M H. HUTTO			_ who being
by me duly swo	orn did s	ay that he/sh	ne, the said	WILLIAM H. HUTTO	is the _
ATTORNEY-	IN-FACT		of F	RONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY	and duly
	hat said olution o	instrument v	vas signed of directors	n behalf of said company by auth	ority of its
william n	mo and	that he/she i	e duly autho	prized to execute and deliver the f	oregoing
obligations; that respects with the	t said Su le laws o	rety is author	rized to exe	ecute the same and has complied in ecoming sole surety upon bonds,	n all
and obligations	•				
				Signed: Surety Officer	to
				Title: ATTORNEY-IN-FACT	
STATE OFCOUNTY OF_		RK YORK))	SS:	
Subscribed and	sworn to	o before me	this(§	day of June Larrier Levi	<u>, 19 9 ?</u>
Nota	HARRIET y Public, S No. 02Ll	S. LEVINE state of New Yo 55071294 ew York County bires Jan. 6, 19	rk ,	Notary Public Residing at:	
My Commissio	n Expire	s:			
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CORPORATE VERIFICATION

State of	New York		
County of	Nassau	 SS.:	
On thi	s 10th	day of June	, in the year 1997
before me per	recnally come(s) <u>Gordon</u> eposes and says that he reside		to me known, who, being by me that he is the President
2219 21101111 41	of the Ziegle	r Chemcail & Mineral the con	poration described in and which executed the
		I of the said compration; that the seal affixed t	
that it was so	affixed by the order of the Boa	rd of Directors of said comporation, and that he	<u> </u>
		SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OPPICIAL AND ING ACKNOWLEDGME	ENT C

BRIAN LYNCH
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 01LY4613944
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires January 31, 199 %



PRINCIPAL'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

INDIVIDUAL VERIFICATION

State of			County of		
On this		day of		_, in the year 19	, before me personally came
(are) describe	ed in and who execu	ed the foregoing ins	strument, and acknow	to me known, and knowned to me known, and known ledges to me that he (the control of the control	wn to me to be the person(s) who is hey) executed the same.
		-	(Signature a	nd title of official taking	acknowledgment)
		PA	RTNERSHIP VERIFI	CATION	
State of			County of		
On this		day of		_, in the year 19	, before me personally came
	and who executed th aid co-partnership.	e foregoing instrum			nown to me to be the person who is ted the same, as and for the act and
		-	(Signature a	nd title of official taking	acknowledgment)
		-	ORPORATE VERIFIC	ATION	
	New York			-1 Nassau	
On this	20	day of	24	, in the year 19 9	// before me personally came
	m J. 14			to me known, who, be	ing by me duly sworn, deposes and
says that he i	resides in the City of	Killey S	stream	that he is the	e President
of the instrument, the was so affixed NAI Notary Put No. 4953	nathe knows the se	al of the said corpor Board of Directors of Warney E.C.	ration; that the seal a of said corporation, an	corporation described in flixed to the said instru	n and which executed the foregoing ument is such corporate seal; that it me thereto by like order.
Contination	r Expires July 10, 1	SURETY	COMPANY ACKNO	WLEDGMENT	
State of	NEW YORK		County of	NEW YORK	
On this	19TH	day ofMAY		_, in the year 19 <u>97</u>	, before me personally came
the corporati Attorney-in-Fa Corporate Se the act and de virtue of a ce	ion described in the act duly acknowledge al; that it was so affix eed of said FRONTIE rtain power of attorne	HUTTO and to be the Attorned foregoing instrumed to me that he knowed by order of the Board INSURANCE CONTRACTORY executed by said	ney-in-Fact of FRONT nent, and which, by ows the Seal of said (pard of Directors of sa DMPANY therein desc	to me known to be TIER INSURANCE COLITS said Attorney-in-Forporation; that the Seid Corporation; and tha	the individual described in and who MPANY, which is to me known to be fact executed the same, and said eal affixed to said instrument is such the executed the said instrument as and purposes therein mentioned, by
force and effe of solvency a	nd of its sufficiency a	corporation has rece s surety or guaranto r the year 1939, and Nota	eived from the Superior under Section 327, I that such certification I	ntendent of Insurance of Chapter 882 of the Land In has not been revoked NE Lew York	with tevine
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ROCK HILL, NEW YORK 12775-8000 (A Stock Company)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

版note All 用en By These Presents: That FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York Corporation, having its principal office in Rock Hill, New York, pursuant to the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation on the 4th day of November, 1985.

"RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the President, or any Vice President be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company to execute bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other contracts of indemnity and writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and to attach thereto the corporate seal of the Company, in the transaction of its surety business;

"RESOLVED, that the signatures and attestations of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company when so affixed with respect to any bond, undertaking, recognizance or other contract of indemnity or writing obligatory in the nature thereof:

"RESOLVED, that any such Attorney-in-Fact delivering a secretarial certification that the foregoing resolutions still be in effect may insert in such certification the date thereof, said date to be not later than the date of delivery thereof by such Attorney-in-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed in facsimile under and by the authority of the above Resolution

DOES HEREBY MAKE, CONSTITUTE AND APPOINT

WILLIAM H. HUTTO

of New York . in the State of New York

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in its behalf, and as its act and deed, without power of redelegation, as follows.

Bonds guaranteeing the fidelity of persons holding places of public or private trust, guaranteeing the performance of contracts other than insurance policies; and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in all actions or proceedings or by law allowed; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,500,000.00) DOLLARS; and to bind FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY, and all the acts of said Attorney(s)-in-Fact pursuant to the authority herein given are hereby ratified and confirmed

In Witness Whereof, FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY of Rock Hill, New York, has caused this Power of Attorney to be signed by its President and its Corporate seal to be affixed this 24th day of February , 19 97.

FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY

SEAL SEAL TO S

3Y __

WALTER A. RHULEN, President

County of Sullivan SS:

State of New York

On this 24th day of February 19 97, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of New York in and for the County of Sullivan, duly commissioned and qualified, came WALTER A. RHULEN of FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY to me personally known to be the individual and officer described herein, and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and said, that he is the officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of the Company, and the Corporate Seal and signature as an officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the Corporation, and that the resolution of the Company, referred to in the preceding instrument, is now in force.

In Testimony Illhereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my official seal at Rock Hill, New York, the day and year above written.

NOTARY A PUBLIC OF NEW

CHRISTINE I. LANE

Notary Public State of New York Sullivan County Clerk's No. 1996 Commission Expires May 2, 1998

CERTIFICATION

I, JOSEPH P. LOUGHLIN, Secretary of FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY of Rock Hill, New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of this Corporation and the Powers of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the Resolution and the Powers of Attorney are in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of the corporation this 19TH day o

SEAL SA

JOSEPH P. LOUGHLIN, Secretary



Financial Statement as of December 31, 1995

I certify that the below listed officers were duly elected by the Board of Directors of Frontier Insurance Company and continue to hold the office set opposite their names.

OFFICERS

WALTER A. RHULEN	DAVID E CAMPBELL Vice President HARRY W RHULEN Vice President JILL GOLD Vice President R LINDA MARKOVITS Vice President THOMAS J DIETZ Vice President
DENNIS F. PLANTE Vice President	KEVIN F. JEFFERY Vice President

I further certify that the following Financial Statement of the Company is true, as taken from the books of the Company as of December 31, 1995:

ASSETS					
Bonds	\$440,557,964				
Preferred stocks	54,077,916				
Common stocks	29,395,688				
Short-term investments	6,082,674				
Cash on hand and on deposit	751,036				
Premiums and agents' balances					
in course of collection	14,071,672				
Premiums, agents' balances and installments					
booked but deferred and not yet due	16,170,710				
Reinsurance recoverable on loss payments	2,561,463				
Electronic data processing equipment	1,415,189				
Aggregate write-ins for assets other than					
invested assets	2,036,770				
Interest dividends and real estate					
income due and accrued	7,122,522				
Real Estate	20,838,435				
Equities and deposits - pools					
and associations	66,898				
Federal Income Tax recoverable	812,770				

TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS...... \$595,961,707

LIABILITIES A	ND POL	ICYHOL	DER'S S	URPLUS

	Losses	249,102,635
	Loss adjustment expenses	36,094,726
	Other expenses	4,485,698
	Reinsurance payable on paid losses	689,418
	Taxes, licenses and fees	2,636,898
	Unearned premiums	93,299,868
	Funds held by Company under	
	Reinsurance Treaties	28,226,024
	Amounts withheld or retained by Company	, ,
	for account of others	1,172,520
	Provisions for reinsurance	83,634
	Contingent commissions	1.037,981
	Aggregate Write-Ins for liabilities	5,800,457
	Payable to parent, subsidiaries and affiliates	1,969,615
	,	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$424,599,474
	Capital paid-up	5,000,000
	Paid-in and contributed surplus	86,824,591
	Unassigned funds (surplus)	79,537,642
	_	
	Total policyholder's surplus	171,362,233
:	TOTAL LIABILITIES &	
	POLICYHOLDER'S SURPLUS	\$595,961,707

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of the Company this 11th day of April, 1996.

CORPORATE SEAL



SS.

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

WALTER A. RHULEN, President

On this 11th day of April 1996, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of New York in and for the County of Sullivan, duly commissioned and qualified, came WALTER A. RHULEN of FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY to me personally known to be the individual and officer described herein, and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and said, that he is the officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of the Company, and the Corporate Seal and signature as an officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the Corporation, and that the resolution of the Company, referred to in the preceding instrument, is now in force; and that said Corporation has received from the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York a Certificate of Solvency and of its sufficiency as surety or guarantor under Section 1111 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my official seal at Rock Hill, New York, the day and year above written.

NOTARIAL SEAL



CHRISTINE I LANE

Notary Public State of New York Sullivan County Clerk's No. 1996 Commission Expires May 2, 1998